

### REMARKS

Claims 1 through 36 are now pending in the application. Claims 1, 14, 27, 29, 31, and 34 are the only independent claims present in the application. Claims 1 through 30 heretofore on file were allowed prior to filing of a Request for Continued Examination on even date.

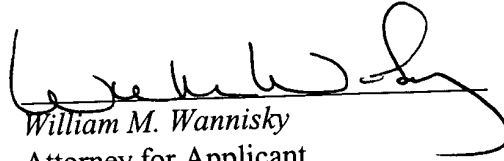
The specification has been amended to place such in better form. It is respectfully submitted that no new matter has been added.

Claims 1, 2, 4 through 9, 12 through 15, 17 through 22, and 25 through 30 have been amended to improve their form. Claims 31 through 36 have been added to accord Applicant an additional scope of protection commensurate with the disclosure. It is respectfully submitted that the amendments do not affect the allowability of the claims previously on file, and that no new matter has been added.

Favorable consideration and entry hereof are earnestly solicited.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our New York office at the below-shown address.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'William M. Wannisky', written over a horizontal line.

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